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Rockville, MD 20852

RE: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; and 97P-0197

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do more than just putting bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because scientific evidence shows it promotes disease by destroying the starving hens immune system. The FDA retains the jurisdiction to ban cruel farm practices, such as forced molting, that are injurious to human health. It is urgent you ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers.

I understand the FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted immediately to end the forced suffering.

Thank you for your time and patience in this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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